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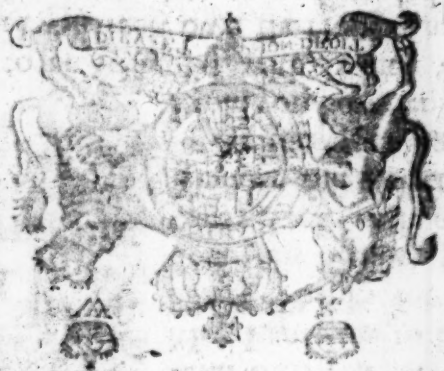

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

HAving given My Assent to the several Bills you have Presented to Me, I am now to Return you My hearty Thanks for what you have done this Session, which has been Carry'd on with great Prudence, Temper and Affection.

At the Opening of the Session, I told you how Sensible I was of the Difficulties to be Struggl'd with, which were of such a Nature, that I will freely own the Hopes I had of Our being Able to Overcome them were Founded only upon the Wisdom and Zeal of so good a Parliament.

My Expectation has been fully Answer'd; You Entred upon the Business with so much Chearfulness, Proceeded so Unanimously, and have at last brought things to such a Conclusion, That we may Hope to Carry on the War with Success, in Case Our Enemies do not think it their

Intereſt to Agree to an Honourable Peace: And ſo Effectual a Proviſion being made for Supplying the Deficiencies of former Funds (which is the beſt Foundation for Reeſtabliſhing of Credit) I doubt not, but in a ſhort time it will have a very happy Effect, to the univerſal Eaſe and Satisfaction of My People.

The Circumſtances of Affairs making it Neceſſary for Me to be out of the Kingdom for ſome time, I ſhall take Care to leave the Adminiſtration of the Government, during My Abſence, in the Hands of ſuch Perſons as I can Depend upon.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have nothing more to Ask of you, but that you would carry down the ſame good Diſpoſition into your ſeveral Countries which you have Expreſs'd in all the Proceedings of this Seſſion.

And then the Lord Keeper, by His Majeſties Commands, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majeſties Pleaſure, That this preſent Parliament ſhall be Prorogued to *Thurſday* the Thirteenth day of *May* next; and this Parliament is Prorogued accordingly to *Thurſday* the Thirteenth day of *May* next.

FINIS.